

HOLY QURBANA

Morning Service

On Fridays at NECK from 5:30 – 8:00 AM.

Evening Service

On Mondays at NECK, Hall of Faith from 7:00 to 8.30 PM (Transportation available from Abbassiya – Parsonage at 6.30 P.M.)

Fahaheel Area Service

Holy Qurbana will be celebrated on every 1st & 3rd Saturdays and prayer meetings on other Saturdays from 7.00 P.M. to 8.30 P.M. at New Auditorium, Manguf.

REGULAR PRAYER

On Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9 P.M. at Parsonage.

FRIDAY PRAYER MEETINGS 7.00 – 8.30 P.M.

Date	Area	Residence
04.06.2010 Friday	Salmiya	Mr. Roy George Tel.25652305 (R021)
11.06.2010 Friday	Abbassiya	MBYA Prayer Meeting
18.06.2010 Friday	Salmiya	Mr. Jaison Varghese Tel.25655982 (J095)
25.06.2010 Friday	Abbassiya	MBYA Prayer meeting at Parsonage.

CHOIR

Choir practice will be held as usual at Parsonage every Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 P.M.

BIRTHDAY

Vicar and members of the Church wish many happy returns of the blessed occasion (Birthday prayers will be offered every week along with the Holy Qurbana).

HOUSE BLESSING

Members who wish to have their house blessed are requested to contact the Parsonage or the Area Committee Members.

CHURCH MANAGING COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Church Managing Committee for the Month of June will be held on Friday 11th June 2010 at 11 A.M. at Parsonage.

MARTHA MARIAM VANITHA SAMAJAM

Prayer meeting will be held on **Friday 18th June** from 8.30 to 9.30 AM at NECK Activity Building soon after the Holy Qurbana. All are requested to attend.

SLEEHA NOMBU (16 - 29 June)

Sleeha Nombu begins on 16th June and ends on 29th June (Apostles of St. Peter & St. Paul). All are requested to abide by the nombu regulations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is closed for the mid-summer vacation, reopens on Friday 24th. September.

JSVBS

'JSVBS 2010' will be held from **18th June to 2nd July 2010** from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. at Integrated Indian School, Abbassiya. JSVBS Theme for 2010 "**Be Ready**" (St. Matthew - 24:44)

Opening Ceremony of the JSVBS will be held on **Friday 18th June** at 8.30 A.M. at NECK Sunday School Hall soon after the Holy Qurbana.

Parents are requested to register the names of their children. Those who wish to sponsor the daily refreshment may please contact the Vicar, Sunday School Head Master or the JSVBS Leader Mrs. Bina Saji Joseph.

Transportation will be arranged from Abbassiya, Fahaheel, Salmiya & Riggae areas, if sufficient children are registered.

Closing Ceremony will be held on **Friday 2nd July** at 7.15 P.M. at NECK Parish Hall.

DUKHRONO

Dukhrono – Benyamin Mor Osthathouse, Sunday 6th June (6th Anniversary):

Special prayers will be held on Friday 4th June at NECK along with the regular Holy Qurbana to commemorate the blessed memory.

CONDOLENCES

1. Mr. Paulose, father of Mr. Babu Paul Thuruthy (B 058) passed away on 05.05.2010.
2. Mr. V.K. George Kaniampambil, brother-in-law of Mr. Raju Kurian - Shaji (R 004) passed away on 20.05.2010.
3. Mr. Abraham Aliyattukudyil, uncle of Mr. Saji Varghese Aliyattukudyil (S 055) passed away on 20.5.2010.

We pray for the dear departed souls and express our deepest condolences to the bereaved families.

CONGRATULATIONS

Hearty congratulations to our children who have passed the X & XII Board Examinations held in March 2010.

"Harvest Festival 2010"

Our 14th Harvest Festival will be held on Friday 29th October 2010 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Integrated Indian School, Abbassiya with variety entertainment programs.

To cover the expenses of the program we need to obtain Sponsors for the Souvenir & Raffle Coupon prizes. Members who wish to sponsor or to get Sponsors are requested to contact the General Convener Mr. Sunny Thomas (Mob. 55099022), Sponsorship Convener Mr. Mathew Varghese Moolayil (Mob. 97610156) or the Church Secretary Mr. John C. Thomas (Mob. 97295016).

Members are requested to support, co-operate and participate whole-heartedly for the success of this great event and thereby get blessed by this noble undertaking.

Vicar's Message

Dear Beloved in Christ,

A Christian should not be afraid in the midst of any crisis in his life. Sincere prayers open the door for God's power to move into our lives. But the prayer of praise releases more of God's power than any other form of worship. This is what we enjoy in our Holy Qurbana. Praise is a permanent acceptance of what God has done in our lives. Praise delivers the blessings of God into our lives.

The Holy Bible gives numerous examples to demonstrate this fact. God's presence and power is very near when we praise Him. We read in **Psalms 22:3**, *yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.* Our God actually dwells, resides and inhabits in our praises. A remarkable example of how God fights your battle for you when we praise him is found in 2 Chronicles Chapter 20.

Jehoshaphat was the king of Judah. One day he found that his little kingdom was surrounded by the armies of his enemies – the Moabites, the Ammonites and the Meunites. Jehoshaphat knew that his little army did not stand any chance with the surrounding armies. He cried out to the Lord. *"O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you."* All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the LORD. **2 Chronicles 20:12-13.**

We should not be blind to the very real threats of evil in our lives. We are not to be preoccupied with the presence of evil around us. We see and think we will fight it with our own strength, but finally we are defeated and we have to admit our helplessness and our inadequacy to fight it with our own strength. We then turn to God. But Jehoshaphat was different. He totally surrendered himself to the God Almighty and God said to Jehoshaphat *"Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or*

discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you. **2 Chronicles 20:15-17.**

We seldom have the power to deal with the circumstances of our lives, It is very clear that the battle is not ours but our God's. "You shall not need to fight in this battle; take position, stand still and see the deliverance of the Lord"

What a wonderful promise from God?. The next morning, *after consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever."* **2 Chronicles 20:21.** And what happened to Jehoshaphat and his men? *As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. The men of Ammon and Moab rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another.* **2 Chronicles 20:22-23.** *And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.* **2 Chronicles 20:30.**

Many of us are not ready to accept the fact that the battle is not ours but our God's, and therefore we are defeated by the circumstances around us.

Read **Romans 8:32.**

May God Bless you all.

Mathews Achen



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